

UNIVERSITY OF
MARYLAND
EXTENSION
ALLEGANY COUNTY
JUNE 2025



**Event
Calendar**

- **June 1** - Scholarship Forms Due
- **June 2** - Poultry and Rabbit registrations due
- **June 19** - UME Office Closed
- **June 28** - Barn setup for fair
- **July 1** - Quality Assurance & Horse Testing due
- **July 4** - UME Office Closed
- **July 11 to 19** - Allegany Co. Fair

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION

4-H

Nature Nights
@ ROCKY GAP STATE PARK
June 23, 24, 26, 27

6 - 8 pm

OPEN TO NEW & EXISTING
ELEMENTARY-AGED 4-HERS

For details on how to participate,
email jmellon2@umd.edu or
call 301-724-3320

Registration Deadline 6/13/25

ENROLL NOW!

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Key Chains
\$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00

**Benefits 4-H
in Allegany
County**

Available at the UME Office.
Call 301-724-3320 or email jparrish@umd.edu.

Animal Science News

★2025 Live Poultry Exhibitions★

The latest update from MDA (shown below) prohibits live poultry exhibitions through June 1. A decision on the remainder of the show season will be made on June 1.

ANIMAL HEALTH ALERT HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA

FEBRUARY 2025: DUE TO THE RECENT OUTBREAK OF HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) IN BOTH COMMERCIAL AND BACKYARD FLOCKS IN MARYLAND, THE 2025 ANIMAL HEALTH FAIR AND SHOW REQUIREMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NO POULTRY EXHIBITIONS WILL BE ALLOWED PRIOR TO JUNE 1, 2025.

A DECISION WILL BE MADE ON JUNE 1, 2025 REGARDING POULTRY EXHIBITIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SHOW SEASON.

Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance

The system is now open. Go to <https://ahqa.umd.edu/>.

The 2025 program must be completed using Firefox, Chrome, Edge, or Safari web browsers.

All 4-H/FFA members exhibiting animals are required to complete the AHQA online training program once for each age division, OR when Intermediate and Senior members choose to show a new species, since last completing the program within their age division.

AHQA must be completed by **July 1, 2025**, to show any animals at the 2025 Allegany County Fair.

- Returning members - Please contact our office if you cannot remember your passcode. Do not create a new account.
- New members - Click Register New User (top left) to begin.

Notifications will be sent to those changing age divisions and new members.

If you are unsure of your QA status or need assistance, email Jody at jparrish@umd.edu or call 301-724-3320.

GET READY FOR FAIR!

ALLEGANY COUNTY AG EXPO UPDATES

As stated at the May board meeting:

- All animals will be housed in the barn.
- No livestock trailers will be allowed to park next to barn.
- Livestock exhibitors will need to complete the entire entry form with all classes.

BARN SETUP & TEAR DOWN

- **Set up**—The barn set up at the fairgrounds will be held on **Saturday, June 28 at 8:00 a.m.** Per Ag Expo, at least one member of each livestock family must attend. Bill will have a sign-in sheet. It is the responsibility of the families to ensure that they sign in to get credit for being there.
- **Tear down**—The barn will be torn down following the livestock sale on Saturday, July 19. This also requires a representative of each family to be present.

CAMPERS AT FAIR

Camper space is available for families with livestock exhibits. To reserve a camper space during fair, text Bill McKenzie at 301-338-3393. The fee will be \$100.00 and must be paid before arriving at the fair.

FAIR REGISTRATIONS

To save time during exhibit entry, please pre-register. Pre-entry forms are due by **July 9, 2025**. 4-H families may drop them off at our office or email them to jparrish@umd.edu. If after hours, you may put them in our locked mail box.

BOOTHS AND BANNERS

Each club may enter one booth and one banner. You may enter in either open-theme or annual-theme, which is “**Blossoming with 4-H.**” Please be sure to submit an indoor entry form in the club’s name and call the 4-H office to reserve space. If you need instructions, email jparrish@umd.edu. Complete rules are found in the fair book.

FAIR BADGES AND PARKING PASSES



Fair badges will only be given to registered 4-H/FFA members exhibiting livestock, siblings of the exhibitors (under age 18), 4-H volunteers, and parents/guardians of the exhibitors. Club leaders will be contacted to collect the list of names for their club. If you are not affiliated with a livestock club, email jparrish@umd.edu for passes.

Parking passes - Each 4-H family with livestock exhibitors will receive 2 parking passes. When badges and passes are available, an announcement will be made.

Fair badges and parking passes are also available to anyone wishing to help with indoor exhibits. Email jparrish@umd.edu or call 301-724-3320 for more information.

GUIDE TO SHOWING ANIMALS AT THE COUNTY FAIR

Are you showing animals at the Allegany County Fair? Please review our **4-H Family Guide to Animal Exhibits at the Fair**. Go to <https://go.umd.edu/AClivestockguide>



2025 Western MD 4-H/FFA District Show



Sign Up for 4-H

The George's Creek 4-H Club held sign ups at the George's Creek Library. The club's members are active in a variety of projects at their school, including gardening, crafts, fitness, and robotics.



MARYLAND YOUTH INSTITUTE WORLD FOOD PRIZE EVENT

Bishop Walsh 4-Her Abigail Still traveled to University of MD Eastern Shore to participate in the Maryland Youth Institute World Food Prize Event. She conducted extensive research on the economic crisis in South Sudan and presented to a team of students and professionals. She ended the day with a service project. She is now considered a Borlaug Scholar.

2025 Allegany County State Public Speaking Contest Participants



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 4-H EVENTS

Scholarships for Allegany County 4-H members and volunteers are available for 4-H local, regional, state, national and other events and camps. Such 4-H opportunities may include State Council, Volunteer/Teen Forum, State/National contests, 4-H camps, and more.

Applications are due two weeks before the registration deadline for the event. Applicants may not apply for more than two scholarships within a calendar year.

Complete guidelines and an application are available by calling 301-724-3320, by email at jparrish@umd.edu, or online at (under 4-H Forms) <https://go.umd.edu/AlleganyCounty4-H>.

Allegany County 4-H Scholarship Request	
Name _____	Age as of January 1 of current year (Optional Only) _____
Address _____	
Phone _____	Years as 4-H Member or Volunteer _____
Event _____	Date of Event _____
Location of Event _____	
In the space below, please summarize one or two paragraphs why you would like to attend the event above. (Continue on back if needed.)	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: right;">Officer Use Only</div> <div> Amount granted _____ Date _____ Educator Signature _____ AED Signature _____ </div> </div>	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- ★ James Burkett
- ★ Jordan D'Atri
- ★ Brenan DeShong
- ★ Jameson Harvey
- ★ Elijah Jordi
- ★ Silas Jordi
- ★ Jonah Knight

- ★ Emily Kwok
- ★ Berkley Leasure
- ★ Julius Little
- ★ Elyse Markel
- ★ Haylee Raines
- ★ Lawson Ritchie
- ★ Brady Roque

- ★ Madelyn Scarlett
- ★ Waylynn Shingler
- ★ Harper Stangel
- ★ Shane Yonker
- ★ Sophia Zhang
- ★ Nolan Zhang

Save the Date!

Rabbit and Poultry
Registrations Due

June 2, 2025
4-H/UME Office

Barn Set Up for Fair

June 28, 2025
8:00 a.m.
Fairgrounds

Allegany County Fair
& Ag Expo

July 11 to 19, 2025
Fairgrounds

4-H Photos Wanted

Send us your 4-H photos for our
newsletters, social media, and more.

Send photos with a brief description to
jparrish@umd.edu

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